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The Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) was constitutionally established in 1974. It is charged with administering programs to promote, safeguard and protect the general welfare of children; to maintain and strengthen family life; and, to aid people in need as they strive to achieve their highest level of independence.

The department is organized into 4 program divisions: Children's Division, Family Support Division, MO HealthNet Division, Division of Youth Services. The Divisions of Finance and Administrative Services and Legal Services provide department-wide support services.

Mission

To maintain or improve the quality of life for Missouri citizens

Vision

Safe, healthy and prosperous Missourians

Guiding Principles

- Results for the people of Missouri
- Excellence in customer service
- Proficiency of performance
- Integrity
- Accountability

Core Functions

- Child protection and permanency
- Youth rehabilitation
- Access to quality health care
- Maintaining and strengthening families

Division of Youth Services Mission

To enable youth to fulfill their needs in a responsible manner within the context of and with respect for the needs of the family and the community.

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Dear Reader:

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) is pleased to present its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017. Included in the report is an overview of agency operations, statistics regarding the young people and families served, and outcomes achieved during the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The division continues to strive to provide staff with resources to implement effective strategies and quality services and programs to improve youth outcomes. This includes:

- Training and coaching opportunities for DYS leaders, frontline and professional development staff on understanding youth's behavior, the impact of trauma, and building resilience and assets towards wellbeing.
- Increased use of blended learning strategies in educational services. As the use of technology increases in classrooms and in the work world, youth leaving DYS programs were not exposed to the same level of technology and were at a disadvantage. Therefore, with partner support, DYS staff and teachers are implementing enhanced learning techniques and technology in the classrooms. The division's partnership with the Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings (CEEAS), Local Investment Commission (LINC) and with the Office of Administration /Information Technology Services Division (OA/ITSD) has helped to strategically increase the use of technology and enhanced learning in classrooms and facilities. Initial results show improvement in student motivation, engagement and enthusiasm. We look forward to continued expansion of this work and positive impact on youth educational outcomes.
- A focus on family engagement. DYS youth who have meaningful family involvement as part of their treatment program have a more positive experience while in care, during transition, and back in the community. In the past year, DYS has been honored to share with other juvenile justice professionals about our family engagement strategies. Staff, along with youth and families, shared information at the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) summer meeting. Staff also participated in a family engagement webinar sponsored by the National Reentry Resource Center, with support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Council of State Governments. One of the initiatives DYS shared about was the Families and Schools Together (FAST) program implemented statewide since 2012. The FAST program strengthens family and parental bonds and increases family engagement. Statewide, DYS parents who participated in FAST reported improved

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relationships with their child and their social relationships. Additionally, they reported improved communication with their child and a decrease in conduct problems.

- Maintaining safe environments where youth can grow and change. Moving into the second federal PREA cycle (Prison Rape Elimination Act), DYS successfully maintained compliant status for year one audits. The division also provided panel participation in the CJCA Midwest PREA Conference, Panel on Optimal Practices in Implementing PREA Standards.
- Learning and sharing with others. DYS was honored to host serval site visits including international visitors from the Philippines and Australia. These visits provide our youth with the opportunity to share about their life experiences, what works to help them get back on a positive track, and to learn about other cultures/countries.

We extend our appreciation to the Governor, Missouri Legislature, Department of Social Services, DYS Advisory Board, juvenile courts, community partners, liaison councils, families and our many volunteers and friends around the state. With their support and the hard work and dedication of DYS employees, young people are turning their lives around and becoming lawabiding citizens who are assets to their communities throughout Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis Becker
Director

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FISCAL YEAR 2017 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 621 youth were committed to the Division of Youth Services (DYS) during
 Fiscal Year 2017.
- 83% of youth committed to DYS were male; 17% were female.
- The average age of all committed youth was 15.2 years.
- The average DYS youth had attained 9 years of schooling at the time of commitment.
- Of all youth receiving DYS educational services in FY 2017, 410 (26%) were identified as having an educational disability.
- 242 youth (39%) had a history of prior mental health services.
- 284 youth (46%) had a history of prior substance abuse involvement.
- 106 youth (17%) were committed for the most serious felonies (A/B felonies);
 282 youth (46%) were committed for less serious felonies; 172 youth (28%)
 were committed for misdemeanors and other non-felonies; and 59 youth
 (14%) were committed for juvenile offenses.
- 50% of all commitments were from single-parent homes.
- 68% of youth were committed from metropolitan areas.
- By the time of discharge, 42% of DYS 17 year-olds had earned a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency (HSE).

INTRODUCTION

The vision of the Missouri Division of Youth Services (DYS) is that every young person served by Missouri DYS will become a productive citizen and lead a fulfilling life. In its effort to pursue this vision, DYS maintains a commitment to protecting the safety of Missouri citizens by providing individualized, comprehensive, needs-based services that ultimately enable youth to successfully reintegrate into their home and community. The Missouri Division of Youth Services serves as an alternative to the national trend toward punitive and correctional models. The Division of Youth Services is a national model for providing a balanced approach to juvenile justice, emphasizing both community safety and rehabilitation. Small, regionalized, residential and non-residential programs and services have replaced the large training schools that once characterized DYS. In order to more effectively and efficiently administer the programs and services, DYS is divided into five geographic regions (Northeast, Northwest, St. Louis, Southeast, and Southwest), each with a regional administrative and service delivery system.

The gradual but marked evolution of the agency has resulted in the following array of services and approaches: a continuum of community-based and residential treatment and education services; a case management system in which a single case manager follows a youth throughout his/her tenure in the agency; collaboration with local juvenile courts regarding early intervention and prevention efforts through the provision of diversionary funds; an emphasis on a humane, dignified, supportive, structured, and therapeutic climate; development of community-based partnerships; and incorporation of treatment outcome and quality assurance components to evaluate efficiency and improve service delivery.

This annual report provides a summary of descriptive statistics about the youth committed to the care of the division as well as pertinent information regarding overall agency operations during fiscal year 2017.

COMMITMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Total Commitments

The total number of youth committed to DYS by the court per year includes all new commitments plus recommitments. These commitments are considered *custody referrals* as DYS is given legal and physical custody of a youth within its system. DYS also receives referrals from agencies such as the juvenile courts and the Children's Division. These youth are considered *non-custody referrals* and are not formally committed to the custody of DYS. Non-custody referrals may receive services in the community care setting but cannot be placed in residential care.

A total of 621 youth were committed to DYS during FY 2017. Commitments and recommitments continued to decrease, dropping 8.5% from FY 2016. Compared to FY 2013, commitments were 32% lower in FY 2017. Non-custody referrals remained steady over the past five years.

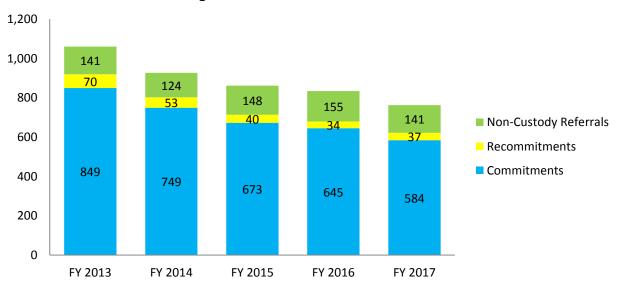


Figure 1. Commitments and Referrals

NOTE: State fiscal year 2013 was the first year in which dual jurisdiction cases were included in the overall data in this report. Dual jurisdiction cases consist of youthful offenders who are certified and simultaneously receive an adult and juvenile disposition in a court order of general jurisdiction. Four youth fell into this category during FY 2017.

Commitments by Gender

The majority of youth (83%) ordered into DYS custody during FY 2017 were male. Females accounted for 17% of commitments. Despite the small percentage of females, this population remains a challenge due to limited available resources. Over the past five years, the ratio of male to female youth committed has remained consistent.

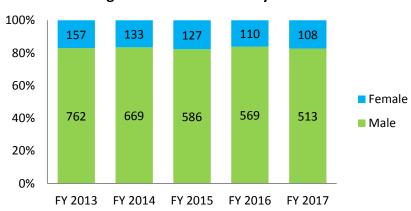


Figure 2. Commitments by Gender

Commitments by Age

Most youth committed during the year were ages 15 and 16. The average age at commitment was 15.2 years.

Age	Male	Female	Total	% of Total
Total	513	108	621	100.0%
11	1	0	1	0.2%
12	9	3	12	1.9%
13	39	6	45	7.2%
14	76	17	93	15.0%
15	148	38	186	30.0%
16	201	38	239	38.5%
17	39	6	45	7.2%
11, 12, 13	49	9	58	9.3%
14, 15	224	55	279	44.9%
16, 17	240	44	284	45.7%

Table 1. FY 2017 Commitments by Age and Gender

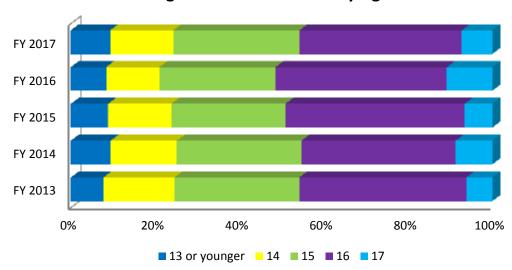


Figure 3. Commitments by Age

Commitments by Race and Gender

Two-thirds of youth committed in FY 2017 were Caucasian. African-Americans accounted for 29% and other races, around 5%. Over half of total commitments, 54%, were Caucasian males; 25% were African-American males. Minority females accounted for 5% of all youth committed to the agency.

During FY 2017, the number of minority youth entering or re-entering DYS custody represented a higher per capita commitment rate than for white youth. Based on U.S. Census data, minority youth accounted for 24% of Missouri's population between 10 and 17 years of age, and nearly 34% of DYS commitments.

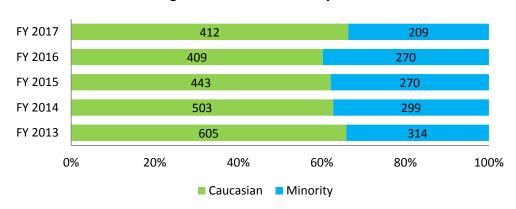


Figure 4. Commitments by Race

Commitments by Education Level

Many youth committed to DYS in FY 2017 were found to be behind schedule in completing their education. The average youth had attained 9 years of school at the time of commitment.

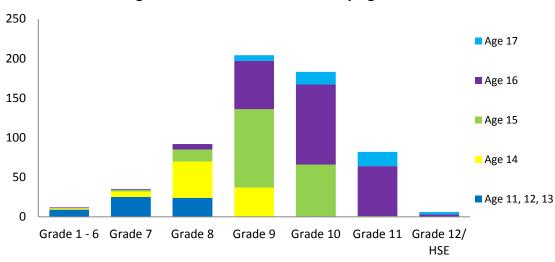


Figure 5. FY 2017 Commitments by Age and Grade

NOTE: Grade level data was un available for 7 youth.

The academic skills of a large number of DYS youth were significantly behind their age peers. Based upon data obtained from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Special Education, the incident rate of youth with educational disabilities is almost double than typically found in the public schools. Of the youth receiving DYS educational services in FY 2017, 410 (26%) were identified as having an educational disability.

Commitments by Family Composition

Half of youth committed had resided in single parent homes prior to commitment. Only a small portion came from intact homes where both parents, biological or adoptive, were present.

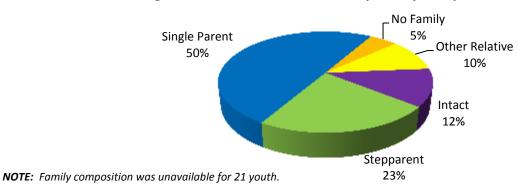


Figure 6. FY 2017 Commitments by Family Composition

Metropolitan versus Rural Commitments

Two-thirds of the youth committed to DYS in FY 2017 resided in and were committed from metropolitan areas, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, of the state. Commitments from rural counties accounted for 200, or 32%, of the 621 total.

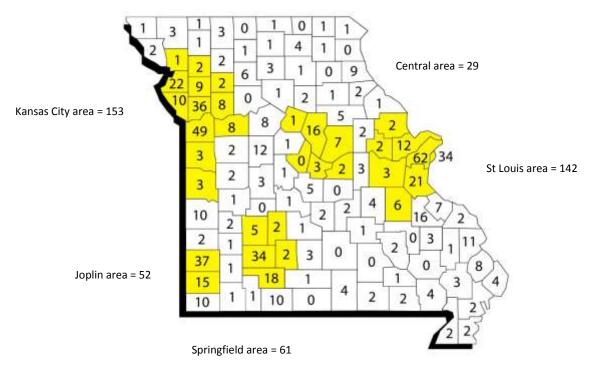


Figure 7. Commitments by County

Commitments by Region

The largest proportion of all FY 2017 commitments occurred in the Northwest region. Females accounted for a higher percentage of commitments in the Northwest region than all the other regions. Males accounted for more than three quarters of commitments in each region.

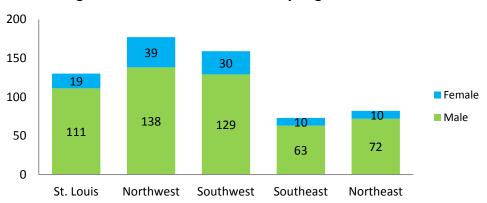


Figure 8. FY 2017 Commitments by Region and Gender

Commitments by Offense Type

During FY 2017, youth adjudicated for the most serious crimes, A and B felonies, accounted for 17% of commitments, up from 15% in FY 2016. The less serious crimes, class C, D, E or other felonies, which include property offenses, drug crimes and theft, increased from 41% last year to 44% this year. Misdemeanors and other non-felonies, which include probation violations and escapes from custody, and juvenile offenses, such as truancy and curfew violations, represented one-third of commitments.

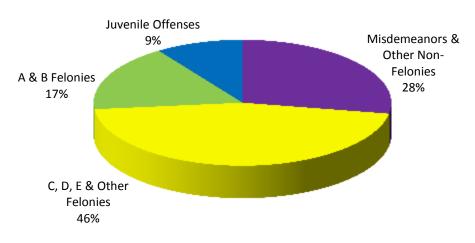


Figure 9. FY 2017 Commitments by Offense Type

Male youth were more likely to be placed into DYS custody for more felony offenses than females, 67% vs. 43%. Females were most likely to be committed for misdemeanors, followed by C, D, E and other felonies.

% of % of % of Male Total Total Total Offense Type Female Total 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% Total 512 107 619 A & B Felonies 97 18.9% 9 8.4% 106 17.1% C, D, E & Other Felonies 245 47.9% 37 34.6% 282 45.6% Misdemeanors/Other Non-Felonies 45 27.8% 127 24.8% 42.1% 172 **Juvenile Offenses** 43 8.4% 16 15.0% 59 9.5%

Table 2. FY 2017 Commitments by Offense Type and Gender

Note: Offense type is unavailable for 2 youth.

The last two years have seen a jump in felony committing offenses. During FY 2013, 2014 and 2015, felonies accounted for around half of the offense types. That number increased to 56% in FY 2016 and 63% in FY 2017.

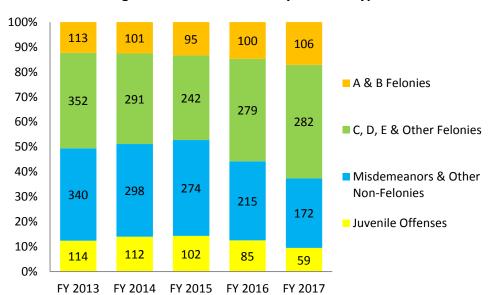


Figure 10. Commitments by Offense Type

During FY 2017, the most common offenses for which youth were committed included assault, obstruction of the judicial process, and property damage.

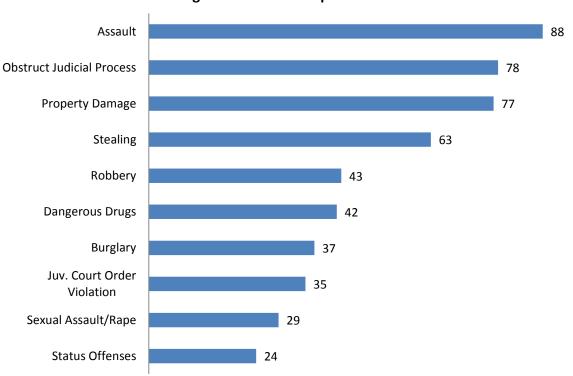


Figure 11. FY 2017 Top 10 Offenses

In Missouri, legislation such as the Juvenile Crime Bill in 1995 and the Safe Schools Act in 1996 targeted a variety of serious and juvenile offenses, including crimes against persons, sexual offenses and safe schools. It is important to note that the offense categories are not mutually exclusive as some crimes may be statutorily defined and included in more than one of the categories. Complete listings of the specific crimes in each of these categories can be found in Chapters 160, 565, and 566 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

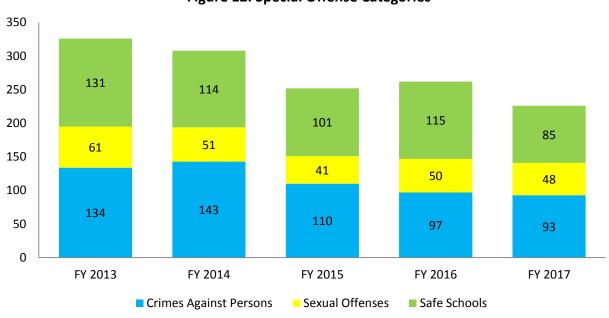


Figure 12. Special Offense Categories

Note: The new Missouri Criminal Code took effect August 28, 2015. Safe School offenses were updated for this report, and counts rerun for prior fiscal years. Thus, prior fiscal year counts will not match previously published numbers for Safe Schools.

Youth retained under the jurisdiction and supervision of juvenile offices of the circuit courts, or certified, tried and convicted in an adult court of general jurisdiction are not within the purview of the Division of Youth Services.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT SERVICES

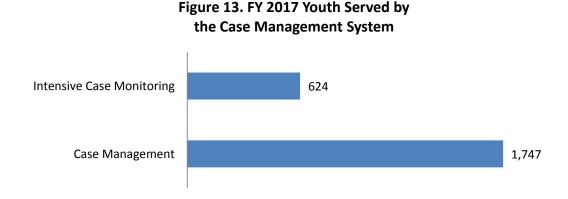
Case Management

DYS continually modifies and refines its case management system to enhance assessment, treatment planning, and the coordination and monitoring of services for each youth and family. Service Coordinators are the primary link between DYS, the youth and family, and the local juvenile or family court. To increase availability to clients and communities, Service Coordinators are strategically placed in geographical locations in close proximity to the communities they serve. As such, frequent contact, resource development, civic involvement, and community interaction are more readily achieved.

Service Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that youth adhere to court orders, receive appropriate supervision, and meet expectations such as attending work, school, treatment, and participating in community service as appropriate. They perform comprehensive risk and need assessments which lead to the development of individualized treatment plans for each youth committed to DYS.

The Intensive Case Monitoring program is an important component of the overall DYS case management system. Through this program, Social Service Aides, known as "community mentors", maintain consistent, frequent contact with DYS youth in aftercare or community care. Employed under the direction of the Service Coordinator, community mentors serve in a variety of capacities that enhance supervision, monitoring, and supportive functions. Beyond the clear benefits to the youth as a result of the frequent and consistent contact, attention, guidance and mentoring, the Social Service Aides are a cost-effective means to enhance supervision of the youth while reducing demands on caseloads of the Service Coordinators.

During FY 2017, a total of 1,747 youth received DYS case management services. Additionally, 624 youth were served by the Intensive Case Monitoring program.



Residential Facilities

Within the division there exists a continuum of residential facilities with community based, moderate care, and secure care programs. Regardless of the security level, an overall emphasis is placed on meeting the individualized psychosocial, educational, vocational, and medical needs of the youth in a dignified, structured, supportive, and therapeutic environment. Youth learn to recognize the various factors associated with their unhealthy decisions and to identify and implement appropriate and effective ways of meeting their needs while respecting the rights of others. Common treatment targets include communication and social skills development, problem solving, conflict resolution, substance abuse prevention, establishing healthy relationships, esteem enhancement, and victim empathy enhancement. Educational achievement and vocational skills are emphasized as well.

During FY 2017, DYS operated 30 residential facilities, with a total of 680 beds, and served 1,535 youth. Budgeted bed space allocations as well as utilization statistics for each of the residential facilities for FY 2017 are included in Appendix B, page 29.

Day Treatment

DYS day treatment programs are primarily designed to divert lower-risk youth from residential placement, although these programs also provide an effective transitional service for youth reentering the community following release from residential care. The day treatment programs allow for youth to receive community-based, structured, alternative educational programming. In addition to academic and vocational instruction, the day treatment programs incorporate psychoeducational groups and other treatment interventions.

Day treatment programs served 408 youth during FY 2017.

Community Care Services

Community Care is a network of interacting programs and services that offer assistance and supervision to both committed and non-committed DYS youth. Direct placement into Community Care provides an alternative to residential care. Community Care services are also offered to committed youth after release from a residential facility. These services work to reduce or eliminate factors that may have contributed to past offenses committed by the youth.

Table 3. Types of Community Care Services

Community Reparation	Family TherapyDYS	Independent Living	Mentor Services
Contractual Care	Family TherapyPurchased	Individual Counseling	Proctor Care
Day Treatment Education	Foster Care	Intensive Case Monitoring	ShelterEmergency
Family Preservation	Group Counseling	Job Placement	ShelterTemporary

Jobs Program

Efforts to provide youth with vocational skills and career guidance resulted in the development of what is referred to as the DYS Jobs Program, which was included as a promising program or policy initiative in a report by the National Youth Employment Coalition to the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 2000. This program allows Division youth to gain employment skills and receive minimum wage compensation. Many participating youth are able to earn vocational education credit through their experiences. In addition to job skills learned, wages earned from the Jobs Program enable youth to make restitution payments and contributions to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

In FY 2017, a total of 504 youth were served by the Jobs Program with 98.6% of youth categorized as successful. For the purpose of this report, success in the Jobs Program refers to maintaining participation consistent with the employing agencies' philosophies, structure, expectations, and requisite level of occupational skill.

Health Care Services

Part of the needs-based philosophy to which DYS subscribes is the recognition of the medical well-being of youth in its care as a primary concern. Left untended, health care needs severely impair the therapeutic value of the other services offered. In FY 2001, the DYS commitment to meeting the health care needs of the youth was reflected in the formal and complete incorporation of the Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) screen for all youth in DYS residential care. HCY is a comprehensive, primary and preventative health care screening conducted by licensed health care professionals whose focus is to identify not only actual but also potential needs of the youth committed to DYS custody. In addition to a comprehensive health and developmental assessment, the HCY screen provides for anticipatory guidance, appropriate immunizations, laboratory testing, and hearing, vision, and dental screenings.

A total of 1,370 HCY screenings were conducted on DYS youth in residential programs in FY 2017. In addition, 868 immunizations were provided to committed youth.

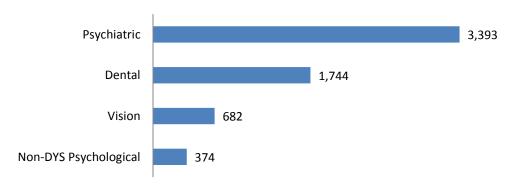


Figure 14. FY 2017 Specialty Health Care Appointments

Youth residing in DYS residential programs, contractual programs, foster care and/or proctor care within managed care regions are enrolled in the Department of Social Services' MO HealthNet Managed Care program. All other DYS committed youth are provided medical care under state and federal Medicaid programs. In FY 2017, 1,073 youth were enrolled in Managed Care and 548 youth were enrolled in fee-for-service Medicaid programs.

DYS provided Managed Care or fee-for-service Medicaid care for:

- 7,540 specialty medical services;
- 170 substance abuse treatment services; and
- 650 psychiatric/psychological treatment services.

Above and beyond the HCY utilization, DYS made significant contributions toward ensuring the provision of comprehensive health care services for the youth committed to its custody. Identified by the Needs Assessment Scale, over 11% of youth had serious to moderate health concerns, nearly 48% had serious to significant patterns of substance abuse, and over 54% had diagnosed psychological/psychiatric disorders.

Table 4. FY 2017 Health/Medical Information for Youth Served by DYS

	Total Youth	% of Total
Health/Medical		
Serious to major physical handicap or medical condition	73	4.9%
Some to moderate health or medical concerns		
(including pregnancy or regular medication)	97	6.5%
Minor or no known health or medical concern	1,326	88.6%
Substance Abuse		
Serious to significant pattern of substance abuse, may have		
had prior treatment and/or diagnosis of chemical dependency	713	47.7%
Moderate to intermittent incidents of substance abuse	436	29.1%
Minimal or no known problems with substance abuse	541	36.2%
Mental Health		
Diagnosed psychological/psychiatric disorder but not		
receiving treatment	242	16.2%
Behavioral indicators of a psychological/psychiatric disorder,		
but has not been diagnosed	421	28.1%
Diagnosed psychological/psychiatric disorder and was		
receiving appropriate treatment	567	37.9%
No history of psychological/psychiatric disorder, and no		
indicators that an evaluation is needed	459	30.7%
Not assessed or data not available	1	0.1%

Interstate Compact on Juveniles

Pursuant to RSMo. Chapter 219.016, the Division of Youth Services administers the Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ). The ICJ provides for the courtesy supervision of youth who are residing in Missouri while on probation or parole from another state. It is also the means by which Missouri youth on probation or in DYS custody (considered parole for ICJ purposes) are placed in other states. In addition to interstate placement, the ICJ returns juvenile runaways, escapees, and absconders to their legal custodian (or agency of jurisdiction) in other states. Through ICJ, DYS also provides Airport Supervision (in the form of supervising runaways, escapees or absconders during layovers while en route to return to their home states) when requested.

Table 5. FY 2017 Interstate Compact Cases

	Probation	Parole
Entering MO, Opened	162	19
Entering MO, Closed	159	14
Exiting MO, Opened	26	35
Exiting MO, Closed	22	32
Travel Permits to MO	113	14
Travel Permits from MO	44	64
	Youth returned	Youth returned to other
	to MO	states
Runaways *	16	24
Escapees	1	0
Absconders **	10	64
Delinquents ***	5	9
Total	32	97
Airport Supervision Reque	sts	2

^{*}Juvenile who has "run away" without consent of his/her legal guardian or agency having legal custody.

Juvenile Court Diversion

Implemented in the late 1970's, the Juvenile Court Diversion (JCD) program was designed to encourage the development of prevention services to at-risk youth at the local level in an effort to divert youth from commitment to DYS. The initial diversion program was directed at the more rural areas of the state where limited resources hindered the development of such initiatives. In

^{**}Juvenile probationer or parolee who has "run away" from his/her placement.

^{***}Juvenile charged as delinquent.

later years, the Juvenile Court Diversion program was expanded to include more urban/metropolitan areas in these prevention efforts.

Missouri's diversion programming was retitled "Youth, Family and Community JCD Program" in 2009. In FY 2017, the division continued its goal to fund early and intermediate services needed to prevent young people from committing repeated offenses and experiencing progressive contact with the juvenile justice system. Effective programs reduce the likelihood that youth will be committed to DYS by addressing gaps in services and strengthening court systems and program effectiveness at the local level.

Juvenile Court Diversion is a grant-in-aid program in which an annual announcement encourages juvenile and family courts to submit diversionary project proposals for funding consideration. The Division of Youth Services' administrative staff ranks the project requests based on identification of trends, patterns and needs of youth in the community as they relate to court involvement, commitment and diversion issues.

The updated JCD program is modeled to reflect a results-based planning process designed to enhance strategic use of data and baseline information. The program promotes and encourages community and regional partnerships through meaningful involvement. The system also creates a level of healthy accountability and improved ways to measure success.

In FY 2017, 40 of the 46 juvenile circuits were awarded funding from the Juvenile Court Diversion program. Among the prevention and intervention programs funded were projects involving accountability supervision, education services, and individual and family counseling and support services. Diversionary services were provided to 9,142 law violating youth referred to the local and participating juvenile and family courts. With respect to the goal of preventing less serious and status offenders from further penetrating the juvenile justice system, 8,842 law violating youth were successfully provided services within the local community.

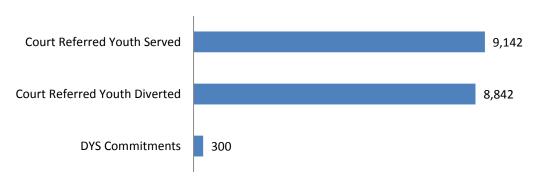


Figure 15. FY 2017 Juvenile Court Diversion

FISCAL INFORMATION

FY 2017 Expenditures

DYS expenditures totaled \$57.05 million in FY 2017. The majority of the overall budget was devoted to treatment services, which includes all aspects of treatment, educational, vocational, and other rehabilitative services. Prevention efforts in the form of Juvenile Court Diversion funding to assist the various juvenile and family courts throughout the state accounted for 7%, and 3% was utilized for administrative costs in the Central and Regional offices.

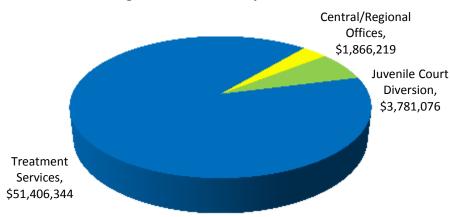


Figure 16. FY 2017 Expenditures

Residential Program Costs

As expected, secure-care residential facilities are more costly to operate than community-based residential facilities because of the higher staff-to-youth ratios associated with increased levels of security. The rates for all residential programs are derived using all costs incurred by the program including, but not limited to, administrative, residential services/supplies, educational services/supplies, food, staff salaries, and fringe benefits. Rate exclusions include operational maintenance and repair expenditures.

		Annual Cost
Program	Per Diem	per Bed
Community Residential	\$186.06	\$67,911.90
Moderate Care	\$196.17	\$71,602.05
Secure Care	\$225.37	\$82,260.05

Table 6. FY 2017 Residential Program Costs

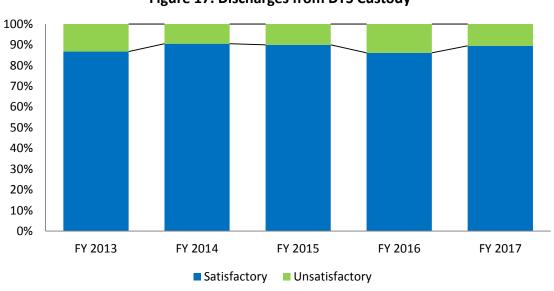
OUTCOME INDICATORS

A variety of measures illustrate the positive effects of DYS interventions. Indicators included are satisfactory discharges, law-abiding rates and recidivism, academic achievement and GED attainment.

Discharges from DYS Custody

Satisfactory discharges include youth who either successfully completed the aftercare component following residential placement, successfully completed a residential program and are directly discharged, successfully completed community care or aftercare and required no residential placement, or enlisted in the military or Job Corps. Unsatisfactory discharges are coded for youth who were involved in further law violations and were subsequently adjudicated while on aftercare or under community care, were involved in further law violations which result in a new commitment to DYS, or absconded from residential placement or aftercare supervision and remained absent for a specified period beyond the minimum discharge date.

During FY 2017, a total of 885 youth were discharged from DYS custody and 792 were categorized as satisfactory. Only 93 discharges, or 10.5%, were considered unsatisfactory.



Recidivism and Law-Abiding Rates

For the purposes of this report, recidivism refers to those youth who either returned to DYS or became involved in the adult correctional system within a specified time period after release from DYS. Conversely, the law-abiding rate refers to the percentage of youth released from DYS custody that do not return to DYS or become imprisoned.

Recidivism was low the first year after being discharged but increased the next two years. Still, over two-thirds of discharges remained law-abiding after three years and this has remained consistent over the past five years.

Table 7. Recidivism and Law-Abiding Rates

	FY 2016 Discharges One Year Later		FY 2015 Discharges Two Years Later		FY 2014 Discharge Three Years Later	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Discharged	640	100.0%	757	100.0%	813	100.0%
Recommitted	27	4.2%	33	4.4%	40	4.9%
Prison	2	0.3%	16	2.1%	34	4.2%
120-Day	2	0.3%	3	0.4%	18	2.2%
Probation	39	6.1%	97	12.8%	129	15.9%
Recidivism	70	10.9%	149	19.7%	221	27.2%
Law-Abiding	570	89.1%	608	80.3%	592	72.8%

100% 90% 80% 70% Law-Abiding 60% ■ Probation 50% 120-Day 40% 30% Prison 20% ■ Recommitted 10% 0% FY 2016 Discharges FY 2015 Discharges FY 2014 Discharges 1 Year Later 2 Years Later 3 Years Later

Figure 18. Recidivism and Law Abiding

100%
75%
65.7%
69.0%
68.6%
70.0%
72.8%

50%
25%

FY 10-13
FY 11-14
FY 12-15
FY 13-16
FY 14-17

Figure 19. 3-Year Law Abiding Rate

NOTE: Reflects a 3-year window after discharge from DYS.

Productive Involvement

At time of discharge from Division of Youth Services, a youth's "Productive Involvement" in the community is assessed. Productive involvement assesses the educational involvement of the youth at time of discharge and involvement in employment opportunities, which may include apprenticeships or internships as well as full- or part-time employment. Of all youth discharged during FY 2017, 88% were productively involved at the time of discharge.

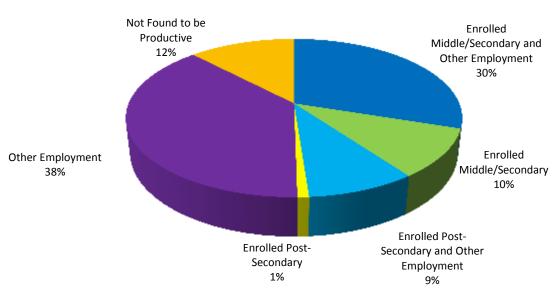


Figure 20. FY 2017 Productive Involvement

Academic Achievement and High School Equivalency (HSE) Success

Youth committed to DYS who completed both pre- and post-testing of the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-III demonstrated significant gains in academic growth during FY 2017. In terms of reading achievement, the majority of youth, 79%, progressed at a rate equal to or greater than the rate of growth exhibited by same-age peers. When examining writing and mathematics achievement, 78% of DYS youth progressed at a rate equal to or greater than the rate of growth exhibited by same-age peers. Overall, an average of 89% of DYS youth advanced academically.

In FY 2017, 143 DYS students met the requirements necessary to earn their high school diploma. There were also 341 attempts to obtain the HSE. Of those, 276 were successful, an 81% success rate. By the time of discharge in FY 2017, 38% of the youth over the age of 16 had graduated from high school or obtained a HSE. Of the 17 year olds discharged in FY 2017, nearly 42% had either earned a high school diploma or a HSE.

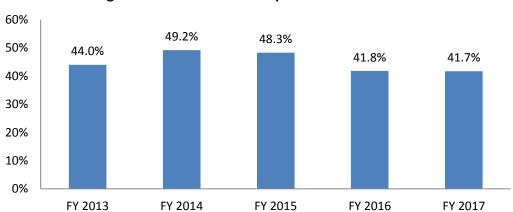


Figure 21. Educational Completion of 17-Year Olds

CONCLUSION

Missouri's Division of Youth Services remains committed to providing comprehensive, individualized, and needs-based services to the youth committed to its care. Various outcome indicators continue to demonstrate the success of the agency's balanced approach. The ongoing emphasis on improvement targets is essential to providing community safety and ensuring appropriate and quality programming.

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APPENDICES

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
Total A	& B Felonies	9	97	106
FEL-A	AIDING/ABETTING A PERSON DISCHARGING/SHOOTING FIREARM AT OR FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	1
	ASSAULT 1ST DEGREE OR ATTEMPT - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR SPECIAL VICTIM	1	0	1
	ASSAULT/ATTEMPT ASSAULT 1ST DEGREE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONS OFFICER	1	1	2
	DISTRIBUTING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR PUBLIC HOUSING OR GOV ASSISTED HOUSING	0	2	2
	DISTRIBUTING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR SCHOOLS DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A PROTECTED LOCATION	0 0	2 1	2 1
	ESCAPE OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT	0	1	1
	MURDER 2ND DEGREE	0	2	2
	ROBBERY 1ST DEGREE	0	29	29
	STEALING	0	13	13
	Total A Felonies	3	51	54
FEL-B	ARSON 1ST DEGREE	0	1	1
	ASSAULT - 2ND DEGREE - SPECIAL VICTIM	1	0	1
	ASSAULT 1ST DEGREE OR ATTEMPT	1	0	1
	ASSAULT/ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT			
	OFFICER, CORRECTIONS OFFICER	0	2	2
	BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE	0	7	7
	CHILD MOLESTATION - 2ND DEGREE -CHILD LESS THAN 12	0	3	3
	CHILD MOLESTATION 1ST DEGREE	0	10	10
	DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO A MINOR	0	1	1
	DISTRIBUTE/DELIVER/MANUFACTURE/PRODUCE OR ATTEMPT TO OR			
	POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DIST	1	1	2
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 1ST DEGREE - 1ST OFFENSE	0	1	1
	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	1	4	5
	ROBBERY 2ND DEGREE	0	14	14
	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	2	0	2
	THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$25,000 OR MORE)	0	2	2
	Total B Felonies	6	46	52

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
Total C	, D, E and Unspecified Felonies	37	245	282
FEL	PROBATION VIOLATION	13	36	49
	SODOMY OR ATTEMPTED SODOMY - 1ST DEGREE - AGGRAVATED	_		
	SEXUAL OFFENSE	0	1	1
	STATUTORY RAPE 1ST DEGREE - SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A PERSON LESS THAN 14 YEARS OLD	0	2	2
	STATUTORY SODOMY 1ST DEGREE - DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	U	2	2
	WITH A PERSON LESS THAN 14 YEARS OLD	0	4	4
	STATUTORY SODOMY 1ST DEGREE - DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE			
	WITH PERSON LESS THAN 14 YEARS OLD - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY	0	1	1
	Total Unspecified Felonies	13	44	57
FEL-C	ARSON 2ND DEGREE	0	1	1
	ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE	0	2	2
	ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE - OPERATE VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED -			
	RESULTING IN INJURY	0	1	1
	BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE	1	25	26
	CHILD MOLESTATION - 3RD DEGREE - CHILD LESS THAN 14	0	1	1
	DELIVERY/POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AT			
	COUNTY/PRIVATE JAIL EXCEPT WITH A WRITTEN PRESCR	0	1	1
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE - 1ST OFFENSE	0	3	3
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE - PERSISTENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE			
	OFFENDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 565.063	0	1	1
	INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER 1ST DEGREE	0	2	2
	MAKING A TERRORIST THREAT	0	3	3
	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY - 1ST OFFENSE	0	1	1
	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCEPT 35 GRAMS OR LESS			
	OF A SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID	0	2	2
	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCEPT 35 GRAMS OR LESS			
	OF MARIJUANA	2	15	17
	RAPE 2ND DEGREE	0	1	1
	SEXUAL ABUSE - 1ST DEGREE	0	2	2
	STATUTORY SODOMY 2ND DEGREE	0	1	1
	STEALING A MOTOR VEHICLE - 1ST OFFENSE	0	5	5
	TAMPERING WITH ELECTRONIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT	1	5	6
	TAMPERING WITH JUDICIAL OFFICER	0	1	1
	TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE 1ST DEGREE	3	33	36

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
C, D, E	and Unspecified Felonies continued			
	TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE 2ND DEGREE (PRIOR CONVICTION/FINDING OF GUILT)	0	4	4
	TAMPERING WITH PROPERTY OF ANOTHER 2ND DEGREE (PRIOR CONVICTION/FINDING OF GUILT)	0	1	1
	THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000)	3	5	8
	THEFT/STEALING OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED BY SECTION 195.010	0	1	1
	THEFT/STEALING OF ANY FIREARM	0	1	1
	Total C Felonies	10	118	128
FEL-D	ASSAULT - 2ND DEGREE	1	1	2
	ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - 3RD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE AGAINST	4		4
	FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ASSAULT WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY	1	0 2	1 2
	BURGLARY - 2ND DEGREE	0	3	4
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT - 2ND DEGREE	0	2	2
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - 3RD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE	1	5	6
	ESCAPE OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM CONFINEMENT	0	2	2
	FAILURE TO APPEAR - FELONY	0	1	1
	FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT/DEBIT DEVICE (VALUE \$500+)	1	0	1
	HARASSMENT BY PERSON 21 YEARS OR OLDER AGAINST PERSON 17			
	YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER	0	1	1
	INCEST	0	2	2
	LEAVING SCENE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - INJURY, PROPERTY			
	DAMAGE OR 2ND OFFENSE	0	1	1
	PROPERTY DAMAGE 1ST DEGREE	2	7	9
	RESISTING ARREST/DETENTION/STOP BY FLEEING-CREATING	0	c	6
	SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY/DEATH RESISTING/INTERFERING WITH ARREST FOR A FELONY	0	6 1	6 1
	SEXUAL ABUSE - 2ND DEGREE - PRIOR CONVICTION	0	1	1
	SODOMY - 2ND DEGREE	0	3	3
	STEALING - \$750 OR MORE	1	1	2
	STEALING RELATED OFFENSE - 3RD OFFENSE (INCLUDES			
	STEALING/BUYING/RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY)	1	2	3
	TAMPERING WITH ELECTRONIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT	1	1	2
	TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE - 1ST DEGREE	0	5	5

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
C, D, E	C, D, E and Unspecified Felonies continued			
	UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON - SUBSECTION 11 - POSSESS WEAPON AND A FELONY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	2	9	11
	UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 1 - CARRIES CONCEALED	0	3	3
	UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 10 - CARRY LOADED WEAPON INTO SCHOOL BUS, PREMISES, FUNCTION	0	1	1
	UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 5 - WHILE INTOXICATED - LOADED WEAPON	0	2	2
	Total D Felonies	12	62	74
FEL-E	ASSAULT - 3RD DEGREE	1	6	7
	CHILD MOLESTATION - 4TH DEGREE - CHILD LESS THAN 17 YOA AND OFFENDER GREATER THAN 4 YEARS OLDER DOMESTIC ASSAULT - 3RD DEGREE	0	1	1 3
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT - 4TH DEGREE - 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE	0	2	2
	ESCAPE OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY WHILE UNDER ARREST FOR FELONY INCEST PROPERTY DAMAGE 1ST DEGREE RESISTING/INTERFERING WITH ARREST FOR A FELONY TAMPERING WITH PROPERTY OF ANOTHER- 2ND DEGREE- MOTIVATED BY DISCRIMINATION TERRORIST THREAT - 2ND DEGREE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - AMPHETAMINE	0 0 1 0	1 1 1 1 1 2	1 1 2 1
	OR METHAMPHETAMINE	0	2	2
	Total E Felonies	2	21	23

Appendix A. Fiscal Year 2017 Committing Offenses by Gender

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
Total Mis	demeanors and other non-Felonies	45	127	172
MISD	LOAD/FIRE EXPLOSIVES OR DIRECT/ORDER/CAUSE INDIVIDUAL TO LOAD/FIRE EXPLOSIVES	1	0	1
	PURCHASE/ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF LIQUOR BY MINOR - 1ST OFFENSE	0	1	1
	Total Unspecified Misdemeanors	1	1	2
MISD-A	ASSAULT - 4TH DEGREE - PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (1) (2) (4) (5)	5	4	9
	ASSAULT - 4TH DEGREE - PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (3) (6) - SPECIAL VICTIMS	0	1	1
	ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (1) (2) (4) (6)	6	16	22
	ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,			
	CORRECTIONS OFFICER, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, HIGHWAY WKR	1	0	1
	CHILD MOLESTATION 2ND DEGREE	1	2	3
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT - 4TH DEGREE - 1ST OFFENSE	1	2	3
	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - 1ST OR 2ND OFFENSE	0	4	4
	FAIL TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDER REQUIRING USE OF IGNITION			
	INTERLOCK DEVICE - 2ND OFFENSE	2	0	2
	FAILURE TO APPEAR - MISDEMEANOR	2	1	3
	FRAUDULENT USE OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT DEVICE (VALUE < \$500)	2	0	2
	HARASSMENT BY ANY COMMUNICATION THAT			
	FRIGHTENS/INTIMIDATES/CAUSES EMOTIONAL DISTRESS OR			
	APPREHENSION	0	1	1
	HINDERING PROSECUTION	0	1	1
	INTENTIONALLY DISCLOSE/FAIL TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPE	0	1	1
	MAKE A TERRORIST THREAT WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE WITH			
	REGARD TO THE RISK OF CAUSING EVACUATION/QUARATINE	0	1	1
	PEACE DISTURBANCE - 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE	0	3	3
	POSSESSION OF UP TO 35 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA	3	5	8
	PROBATION/PAROLE VIOLATION	1	10	11
	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	3	3
	RECKLESS BURNING OR EXPLODING	0	1	1
	RESISTING OR INTERFERING WITH ARREST/DETENTION/STOP	1	2	3
	SEX WITH AN ANIMAL	0	1	1
	SEXUAL ABUSE - 2ND DEGREE	0	7	7
	SEXUAL MISCONDUCT - 1ST DEGREE - 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFNS	0	3	3

Appendix A. Fiscal Year 2017 Committing Offenses by Gender

Туре	Offense	Female	Male	Total
Misdemeanors	continued			
MISD-A	MISD-A STEALING		5	5
	TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE 2ND DEGREE	0	1	1
	TAMPERING WITH PROPERTY OF ANOTHER 2ND DEGREE	0	3	3
	THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES < \$500) -			
	1ST OFFENSE	9	18	27
	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - PRIOR			
	DRUG OFFENSE	0	1	1
	UNLAWFUL USE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	0	2	2
	Total A Misdemeanors	34	99	133
MISD-B	PEACE DISTURBANCE - 1ST OFFENSE	1	0	1
	PROPERTY DAMAGE - 2ND DEGREE	1	5	6
	PROPERTY DAMAGE 2ND DEGREE	2	4	6
	SEXUAL MISCONDUCT - 1ST DEGREE - 1ST OFFENSE	0	3	3
	TRESPASS - 1ST DEGREE	0	1	1
	Total B Misdemeanors	4	13	17
MISD-C	ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE - PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (3) (5)	3	3	6
MISD-D	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID OF 10			
	GRAMS OR LESS	0	1	1
	STEALING - VALUE LESS THAN \$150 AND NO PRIOR STEALING OFFENSE	0	1	1
	Total C & D Misdemeanors	3	5	8
ORDINANCE	ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT	1	1	2
	HARASSMENT-PHONE CALLS	0	1	1
	MINOR IN POSSESSION	1	0	1
	PROBATION VIOLATION	1	3	4
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	2	2
	RESISTING ARREST	0	1	1
	TAMPERING	0	1	1
	Total Ordinance Offenses	3	9	12
Total Juvenile Offenses		16	43	59
JUV	BEHAVIOR INJURIOUS TO SELF/OTHERS	4	10	14
	BEYOND PARENTAL CONTROL	2	2	4
	HABITUALLY ABSENT FROM HOME	1	3	4
	JUV FORML SPRVSN/TECHNICAL VIOL	0	3	3
	STATUS OFFENSE - OTHER	0	2	2
	TRUANCY	2	5	7
	VIOLATION OF VALID COURT ORDER	7	18	25

Appendix B. Fiscal Year 2017 Facility Utilization

	Number	Total Exits	Youth in	Total Youth
	of	from	Facility	Served in FY17
Facility	Beds	Facility	on 06/30/17	Per Facility
Babler Lodge	20	14	11	25
Bissell Hall	20	30	21	51
Camp Avery	20	24	17	41
Camp Avery Short-Term	10	12	10	22
Community Learning Center	10	19	11	30
Cornerstone	10	15	12	27
Datema House	10	18	9	27
Delmina Woods	10	13	12	25
Delmina Woods Short-Term	10	20	10	30
Discovery Hall	10	11	11	22
Fort Bellefontaine	20	30	17	47
Fulton Treatment Center	30	30	21	51
Gentry Facility (Cabool)	20	23	20	43
Girardot Center for Youth and Families	20	27	21	48
Hillsboro	20	23	23	46
Hogan Street	30	20	36	56
Langsford House	10	11	11	22
Lewis and Clark	10	15	8	23
Montgomery Facility	40	24	13	37
Mount Vernon	30	44	26	70
New Madrid Bend	20	37	21	58
NW Regional Youth Center	30	38	29	67
Rich Hill Facility	20	30	22	52
Riverbend Treatment Facility	30	26	28	54
Rosa Parks Center	10	9	11	20
Sears Youth Center	50	74	44	118
Sierra Osage	20	26	15	41
Spanish Lake	20	26	18	44
Twin Rivers	20	23	14	37
Watkins Mill	50	92	64	156
Waverly	40	70	44	114
Wilson Creek	10	21	10	31

Appendix C: Fiscal Year 2017 Commitments by Circuit and Commitment County

Circuit	County	Female	Male	Total
1	Clark	0	1	1
	Scotland	0	1	1
	Circuit 1 Total	0	2	2
2	Adair	1	3	4
3	Grundy	0	1	1
	Harrison	1	2	3
	Circuit 3 Total	1	3	4
4	Atchison	0	1	1
	Gentry	0	1	1
	Holt	0	2	2
	Worth	0	1	1
	Circuit 4 Total	0	5	5
5	Buchanan	5	17	22
6	Platte	4	6	10
7	Clay	10	26	36
8	Ray	3	5	8
9	Chariton	0	1	1
	Linn	2	1	3
	Sullivan	1	0	1
	Circuit 9 Total	3	2	5
10	Marion	1	8	9
	Monroe	0	1	1
	Ralls	0	2	2
	Circuit 10 Total	1	11	12
11	St Charles	1	11	12
12	Audrain	2	3	5
	Montgomery	0	2	2
	Warren	0	2	2
	Circuit 12 Total	2	7	9
13	Boone	1	15	16
	Callaway	1	6	7
	Circuit 13 Total	2	21	23
14	Howard	0	1	1
	Randolph	0	2	2
	Circuit 14 Total	0	3	3

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Circuit	County	Female	Male	Total
15	Lafayette	2	6	8
	Saline	2	6	8
	Circuit 15 Total	4	12	16
16	Jackson	5	44	49
17	Cass	0	3	3
	Johnson	1	1	2
	Circuit 17 Total	1	4	5
18	Cooper	0	1	1
	Pettis	2	10	12
	Circuit 18 Total	2	11	13
19	Cole	0	3	3
20	Franklin	0	3	3
21	St Louis County	13	49	62
22	St Louis City	1	33	34
23	Jefferson	4	17	21
24	Madison	0	3	3
	St Francois	4	12	16
	Ste Genevieve	1	6	7
	Washington	0	6	6
	Circuit 24 Total	5	27	32
25	Pulaski	0	2	2
26	Camden	0	1	1
	Miller	2	3	5
	Circuit 26 Total	2	4	6
27	Henry	0	2	2
	St. Clair	0	1	1
	Circuit 27 Total	0	3	3
28	Barton	0	2	2
	Cedar	0	2	2
	Vernon	3	7	10
	Circuit 28 Total	3	11	14
29	Jasper	9	28	37
30	Benton	0	3	3
	Dallas	0	2	2
	Polk	0	5	5
	Circuit 30 Total	0	10	10

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Circuit	County	Female	Male	Total
31	Greene	5	29	34
32	Cape Girardeau	2	9	11
	Perry	0	2	2
	Circuit 32 Total	2	11	13
33	Mississippi	0	4	4
	Scott	2	6	8
	Circuit 33 Total	2	10	12
34	Pemiscot	1	1	2
35	Dunklin	0	2	2
36	Butler	0	4	4
37	Carter	0	1	1
38	Christian	7	11	18
39	Barry	0	1	1
	Lawrence	0	1	1
	Stone	0	1	1
	Circuit 39 Total	0	3	3
40	McDonald	1	9	10
	Newton	2	13	15
	Circuit 40 Total	3	22	25
41	Macon	0	1	1
42	Crawford	0	4	4
	Dent	0	1	1
	Circuit 42 Total	0	5	5
43	Clinton	2	7	9
	De Kalb	1	1	2
	Livingston	0	6	6
	Circuit 43 Total	3	14	17
44	Douglas	0	1	1
	Wright	0	3	3
	Circuit 44 Total	0	4	4
45	Lincoln	0	2	2
	Pike	0	1	1
	Circuit 45 Total	0	3	3
46	Taney	2	8	10
	STATEWIDE	107	512	619

Note: Commitment county is unavailable for 2 youth.

- 1889 Training School for Boys in Boonville and the Training School for Girls in Chillicothe established.
- 1926 Training School for Negro Girls at Tipton was opened.
- 1946 The State Board of Training Schools was established in accordance with provisions of the 1945 Constitution. This represented a change from penal institutions to educational training schools for youth.
- 1948 Legislation established indeterminate sentencing, age ranges (12 years through 26 years for boys and 12 years through 20 years for girls) and aftercare.
- 1948 Governor Donnelly's "midnight raid" on Training School for Boys. After two youth were killed by violent offenders, the Governor and a convoy of armed officers removed 71 boys and transferred them to the state penitentiary. The Governor dismissed the entire board.
- 1948 Wendall E. Sears, Director (1948-1971)
- 1954 Desegregation of Reception
- 1956 Training School for Negro Girls closed and consolidated with the Training School for Girls in Chillicothe.
- 1957 Juvenile Code (or Unified Juvenile Court Act) passed—made the court a "treatment center rather than a punishment center." Bestowed exclusive juvenile court jurisdiction over delinquency, abuse and neglect, status offenses and adoption. Established blueprint for further development of custody and placement alternatives.
- 1962 Camp Avery Park Camp was opened where boys could be placed in a less institutional environment.
- 1964 Watkins Mill Park Camp was opened to further the movement toward "non-institutional" services for delinquent youth.
- 1970's Systematic agency planning for de-emphasis of large rural institutions and establishment of smaller treatment facilities. Aftercare services expanded.
- 1970 W. E. Sears Youth Center opened as an expansion of smaller non-institutional environments for youth.
- 1971 Frederick O. McDaniel, Director (1971-1975)

- 1971 DYS Advisory Board reappointed.
- 1972 First Group Homes established, first DYS venture into the community.
- 1974 The Omnibus Reorganization Act created the Division of Youth Services within the Department of Social Services. Age ranges were changed to 12 through 17 for both boys and girls.
- 1974 Group treatment approach adopted as the primary treatment modality.
- 1975 Scope of responsibility was broadened to include prevention services, comprehensive training programs, consultation, and information services to non-DYS agencies, technical assistance to local communities, and a statewide data information system. DYS Advisory Board expanded to 15 members.
- 1975 Max Brand, Director (1975-1978)
- 1975 Initial stages of re-organization with the Five Year Plan. The plan called for the closing of the training schools, expansion of community-based services, delinquency prevention programs, staff development and training, improved quality of programs, better education for youth, and effective research and evaluation.
- 1975 The Department of Elementary Education authorized to set educational standards for the
 Division of Youth Services as it has in its administration of the public school system. DYS schools become
 accredited.
- 1976 Short-term programs provide alternatives to long-term institutional care developed at Camp Pa-He-Tsi (later Green Gables Lodge) at Osage Beach and Group Home 6 in Springfield (Wilson Creek Group Home).
- 1978 Frederick O. McDaniel, Director (1978-1979)
- 1979 Keith Schafer, Director (1979-1981)
- 1980's Continuation of agency's direction toward regionalization and an expansion of the continuum of treatment. Regionalized treatment facilities continue to absorb youth from the Training Schools.
- 1980 Juvenile Court Diversion program established.
- 1981 Jim Hair, Director (1981-1984)
- 1981 Family Therapy initiated as part of the spectrum of care.

- 1981 Training School for Girls closed.
- 1983 Training School for Boys closed.
- 1984 Gary Sherman, Director (1984-1986)
- 1984 A developmental leadership framework was adopted as a means for further development of treatment programs and staff.
- 1986 Al Gage, Director (1986-1988)
- 1986 Division of Youth Services' educational programs entitled to state aid, providing greater legitimacy to the educational services provided. Local school districts, constituting the domicile of the youth placed in DYS education programs, pay toward the per pupil cost of educational services based on the average sum produced per child by the local tax effort.
- 1987 Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations result in greater appropriations for the Division of Youth Services.
- 1988 Mark D. Steward, Director (1988-2005)
- 1990 First day treatment program opened as Excel School in Springfield.
- 1991 Intensive Case Monitoring services began. Enhanced supervision, monitoring and support functions through frequent and consistent aftercare contact.
- 1992 Community Liaison Councils were expanded beyond a few regions to a statewide effort to link local communities to DYS facilities around the state by engaging citizens in educating the community, advising program leaders, and supporting positive youth development opportunities for DYS youth.
- 1993 Jobs Program allows youth in residential programs to perform community service for which they will receive payment, allowing youth to be seen as resources within the community. Earnings may be used by the youth to make restitution payments.
- 1994 National Council on Crime and Delinquency recognizes Missouri's national leadership for Excellence in Adolescent Care.
- 1995 Juvenile Crime Bill included provisions for determinate sentencing, granted DYS the ability to
 petition for increased stay up to age 21, removed the lower age limit for commitment and provided for
 the development of dual jurisdiction. As a result of the Crime Bill and the Fourth State Building Bond
 Issue, a number of new facilities for DYS were authorized.

- 1997 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education authorized DYS to graduate high school students who meet all the graduation requirements of the state of Missouri.
- 1999 Expansion of residential capacity through new facilities completed.
- 2001 American Youth Policy Forum identified Missouri as a "guiding light for reform" and found that
 its emphasis on treatment and least restrictive care is far more successful than incarceration-oriented
 programs.
- 2003 Study conducted by Dick Mendel, featured in ADVUCASEY magazine, identified Missouri's cost and recidivism rates as among the best in the country.
- 2003 Named as a model juvenile justice site by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Edna McConnell Clark Foundation and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Recognition led to DYS hosting numerous juvenile justice authorities, legislators and corrections officials looking to launch reform efforts in other states.
- 2005 Paul Bolerjack, Director (2005-2007)
- 2007 Tim Decker, Director (2007-2013)
- 2008 DYS named winner of the Annie E. Casey Innovations in American Government Award in Children and Family System Reform from Harvard University.
- 2009 DYS is approved for Medicaid Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Service billing for existing rehabilitative services provided in community and moderate care programs, decreasing agency reliance on state general revenue funding.
- 2009 DYS launches effort to strengthen non-residential services. Day treatment programs begin
 transition to family and community support centers. New day treatment and resource center program
 opened at the MET Center with no new state funding and through a collaborative partnership with St.
 Louis County.
- 2010 DYS engages the Family and Community Trust (FACT) and designated Community Partnerships around the state in providing transition and community support services to DYS youth and families.
- 2010 Medicaid coverage for DYS youth is extended to provide continuity of care from commitment to discharge, strengthening transitions and increasing efficiency.
- 2012 DYS implements tele psychiatry pilot projects in partnership with the Department of Mental Health, University of Missouri School of Medicine Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Program, and the Missouri Telehealth Network.
- 2013 Phyllis Becker, Director (2013 Current)